

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-19 remain in the application for further prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,644,664 ("Muir") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,093,102 ("Bennett").

Personal Interview and Interview Summary

The Applicants note with appreciation the interview with Examiner Hotaling on June 21, 2007. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5, 8, 11-14 and 19 to clarify the invention.

The Applicants agree with the Interview Summary Sheet provided at the end of the interview in which the Examiner acknowledged the proposed amendments to claim 1 distinguish over Muir in view of Bennett.

Independent Claims 1, 5, 8, 11-14 and 19

Independent claims 1, 5, 8, 11-14 and 19 have been amended to further clarify that a plurality of polyhedral reels are arranged in a generally circular shape with each reel being rotatable about an axis and that the plurality of axes have at least two non-parallel axes. The subject matter of the amendments can generally be found, for example, in Figures 7, 8 and 14-18 of the present application.

Muir in view of Bennett does not disclose the claimed physical structure that is set forth in amended claims 1, 5, 8, 11-14 and 19. During the interview on June 21, 2007, the Examiner acknowledged the fact that amended claim 1 distinguishes over Muir in view of Bennett and the art of record. Accordingly, independent claims 5, 8, 11-14 and 19 were also similarly amended to distinguish over Muir and Bennett and the art of record. Thus, Applicants believe claims 1-19 are allowable.

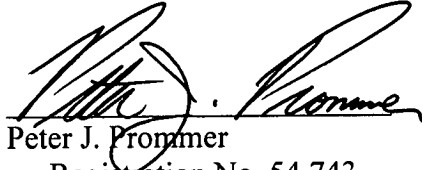
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance and action toward that is respectfully requested. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 425-8552.

It is believed that no additional fees are due other than the fee for the one-month extension of time; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from the Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247079-000229USPT.

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Respectfully submitted,

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